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Dear Sir:

The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 relate to the subject matter of the present invention and are brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.98.

DE 3625487A is not in the English language and was cited as an X reference in the enclosed European Search Report for the corresponding European Application No. 03705677.7. By way of a concise explanation of the reference, an English language abstract for DE 3625487A is enclosed. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) and MPEP 609 a concise explanation of the non-English language information has been provided.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) and MPEP 609 a concise explanation of the non-English language

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This statement is being submitted prior to a first office action on the merits. While this

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§1.56. The applicant invites the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of each cited

reference, copies of which are enclosed, to determine their relevance to the subject matter of the

present application.

Finally, the applicant urges that the claims are patentable over the disclosed information.

Respectfully submitted,

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